



Saint Matthew Church **The PULSE**

September 15, 2019

Detroit, Michigan



24th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.”

- Lk 15:7b

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Father Duane Novelly's Ordination Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, September 22, 1:00 p.m.

On that weekend only ~ no 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, no 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday!

Readings for the Week of September 15, 2019

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
[Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or
15:1-10

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/
1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain?" In this Sunday's Gospel, we learn the context for the forthcoming parables about the lost and found. A

great mixed crowd surrounds Jesus. The religious elite are present, along with all manner of local lowlifes. The Pharisees seem a bit upset that this wasn't the lecture series they were hoping for. Why would Jesus welcome sinners?

Jesus responds as if it's the most obvious thing in the world. "Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep... rejoice because I have found the coin that I lost? let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine... was lost, and has been found!" Each of the parables features a dramatic example. Of 99 sheep, one has gone astray. Of 10 coins, one has gone missing. The welcomed son has previously been a covetous scoundrel. Jesus' point to the Pharisees is clear. If the Gospel really is "good news," if our faith really has the power to save, why wouldn't we want everyone drawing near? Why wouldn't we do everything in our power to eke out that possibility for every single person, no matter where they have wandered? After all, if this message is not of value to everyone, why is it of value to anyone?

Our Christian faith is not a matter of rule adherence for the perfectionist elite. In our own ways, each of us is the lost sheep, the prodigal son. There is no one who "has no need of repentance." The Church is a mixed crowd. And we are mixed people. And the Gospel has good news for each of us today! There is no one Jesus doesn't go after, no one he does not catch sight of "while... still a long way off," no one to whom he does not run to embrace and welcome home.

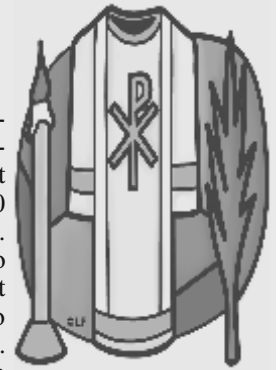


A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Parents are like that shepherd in today's Gospel for they don't give up and can't rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent's persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, our Father, A parent is a window to the divine.

Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, September 20



The first native Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon was the son of Christian converts. Following his baptism at the age of 15, Andrew traveled 1,300 miles to the seminary in Macao, China. After six years, he managed to return to his country through Manchuria. That same year he crossed the Yellow Sea to Shanghai and was ordained a priest. Back home again, he was assigned to arrange for more missionaries to enter by a water route that would elude the border patrol. He was arrested, tortured, and finally beheaded at the Han River near Seoul, the capital.

Andrew's father Ignatius Kim, was martyred during the persecution of 1839, and was beatified in 1925. Paul Chong Hasang, a lay apostle and married man, also died in 1839 at age 45.

Christianity came to Korea during the Japanese invasion in 1592 when some Koreans were baptized, probably by Christian Japanese soldiers. Evangelization was difficult because Korea refused all contact with the outside world except for taking taxes to Beijing annually. On one of these occasions, around 1777, Christian literature obtained from Jesuits in China led educated Korean Christians to study. A home Church began. When a Chinese priest managed to enter secretly a dozen years later, he found 4,000 Catholics, none of whom had ever seen a priest. Seven years later there were 10,000 Catholics. Religious freedom came to Korea in 1883.

Besides Andrew and Paul, Pope John Paul II canonized 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867, when he visited Korea in 1984. Among them were bishops and priests, but for the most part they were lay persons: 47 women and 45 men.

Reflection: *We marvel at the fact that the Korean Church was strictly a lay Church for a dozen years after its birth. How did the people survive without the Eucharist? It is no belittling of this and other sacraments to realize that there must be a living faith before there can be a truly beneficial celebration of the Eucharist. The sacraments are signs of God's initiative and response to faith already present. The sacraments increase grace and faith, but only if there is something ready to be increased.*

To Love God

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind;
you shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

How can we love what is true? Love God. How can we love what is most important? Love God. How can we love Life Itself? Love God. And how can we love our neighbor as our self, by first loving our true self? Love God, for both we and our neighbor are made in God's image and likeness. It is all a matter of love, but to receive the ability to love, we must touch love first, reach out to love first, and connect with God as love first, for St. John has said, "God is love."

We think in small ways, so small that we can't even know the first step on our journey towards love. But it is not hard. It is not complicated. It is not confusing. It is simple

When we ask, really ask with a yearning to receive. When we seek, really seek for something most precious, more dear, and most near. When we knock, knock like we know that someone is listening and ready to open the door with all the spiritual treasures of Heaven and earth.

When we do this, Christ Who is waiting, Who is listening, Who is ready, will give of Himself to us, for He is Love Itself!

St. Matthew Parish ~ Happenings

~ Sunday, September 22, 1 pm ~

Mass of Thanksgiving,
Father Duane's 40th Anniversary
of Ordination to the Priesthood
30 Years as Pastor
of St. Matthew Parish

Congratulations to our Father Duane!

Thank You Everyone!

Our St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to express our deep gratitude to everyone that contributed to the success of our recent school supply collection. Many parishioners very generously gave of their time by purchasing and donating much needed school supplies for families that have been served in the recent past by our SVdP conference members.

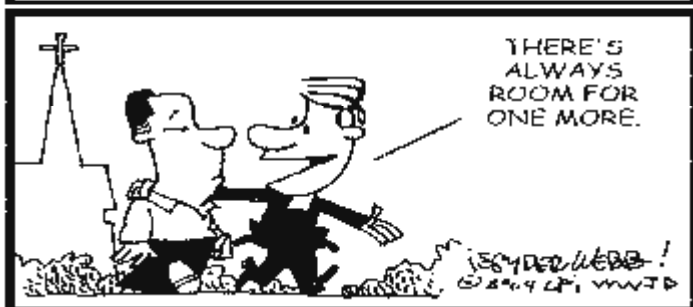
For financially challenged families living in our community that may not have adequate furniture for their homes and working appliances in their kitchens the expense of providing sufficient school supplies for their children who are returning to school after the summer break can be difficult. With all your kind donations, our parish family was able to provide 30 students with a brand-new backpack full of school supplies that included notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, folders, glue, rulers, calculators, and age appropriate books to help them get a good start on the school year.

It's always very gratifying to see the looks on the faces of the students when they're handed these backpacks with an assortment of much needed school supplies graciously donated by St. Matthew parishioners to this annual initiative of ours. The families we see are very thankful for what we're able to provide.

Thank you again to all in our parish for answering the call and making life a little brighter for those we serve. Your generosity and kindness is very much appreciated!

St. Matthew Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CSA Minute ~ Sharing Christ



Catechetical Sunday - This Sunday is Catechetical Sunday, a day the U.S. bishops have set aside to affirm the ministry of the men, women, and young adults who teach our faith in parishes and Catholic schools.

For 2019, the Archdiocese has set a special theme as part of the next phase of *Unleash the Gospel: Sent on Mission*. "Encountering the Risen Christ" reminds pastors, staff members, catechists, Catholic school teachers, and all of us in this community of faith of our roles, through Baptism, in passing on the faith to children and adults.

Your CSA gifts allow the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools to support religious education directors and their staffs through consultation concerning policy, curriculum guidelines, and text selection, as well as professional growth and formation opportunities and certification.

Rest in Peace

**Nathan Harrington,
Son of Peter and Janet Harrington
and
Anna Rita Moroni,
Friend and Longtime Parishioner**

**May they find peace and rejoice in the company of
Jesus, Mary, our Mother, and all the Saints.**

St. Vincent Paul Society News - Detroit Friends Walk

On Saturday, September 28th, at 10 A.M. the Society of St. Vincent de Paul "Detroit Friends Walk" will take place at Belle Isle. This event allows the entire metropolitan Detroit St. Vincent de Paul organization to proudly walk in support of our mission – hands on charitable work for people in need. Walkers from our own parish here at St. Matthew's will participate in this event. All from our parish are welcome to join our conference members for this day of friendship and solidarity.

A representative from our St. Matthew conference of SVdP will be in the back of church after Mass on the weekends of September 14th/15th and September 22nd to answer your questions and accept pledges for our walkers. Your donation in a fixed amount will help our conference provide much needed assistance to individuals and families living in our community.

Donations in any amount are welcomed and will help us serve the less fortunate who reach out to us on a regular basis for such things as food, clothing, furniture, appliances, rent and utility assistance. Your financial support will directly impact in a positive way those in the surrounding area of our parish that are struggling. All donations raised by St. Matthew's will be kept and used for charitable work by our parish SVdP conference. For your convenience a pledge can be made after Mass today or later in the month with payment collected in a few weeks time.

Thank you in advance for your generosity. And please, come join us if you can on Saturday, September 28th for our "Detroit Friends Walk". We would love for you to be a part of this inspiring event. All registered participants will receive a t-shirt and lunch immediately after the walk.

*God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say.
Yes, to be sure, but He does what is still more wonderful;
He makes saints out of sinners.*

~ Soren Kierkegaard

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation	By Appointment
Holydays	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

In your prayers...

Please remember those in our parish and in our families who are sick or in need of our prayers.

Chuck Schuster
Lolita Dorado
Albert Fajardo
Virginia Fajardo
Madeline O'Neill
Kurt Beghuyn
Sebastiano Stellino
Teresita Covacha
Richard Gargulinski
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Rosemary Schoolcraft
Mark Baumgart
John Borota
Pauline Williams
Bill Solomon

Ministers, Lectors, and Servers

Saturday, September 21, 2019, 4:30 p.m.
NO MASS

Sunday, September 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Feast of St. Matthew ~ Mass of Thanksgiving
Presider: Father Duane R. Novelly, Pastor

Concelebrants:

Rev. James Bjorum, Rev. Robert Blondell,
Rev. Raymond Bucon, Rev. Ronald DeHondt,
Rev. Ronald Jozwiak, Rev. Thomas Kramer,
Rev. Timothy Pelc, Msgr. Thomas Rice

Master of Ceremonies:

Ian Campbell

Lectors:

Bryan Jones

William Zuerblis

Prayer of the Faithful:

Liz Foley-Dunstone

Thurifer:

Julia Zuerblis

Lauren Smith

Acolytes:

Bruce Campbell

Jerry Mielke

Cory Fullilove

Jermaine Donaldson

Lauren Gross

Mass Schedule

Saturday, September 14 - Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 p.m. - For the People of St. Matthew Parish

Sunday, September 15 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m. - Judy Stark, Ross Chinnici (12th Anniv)

Monday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Tuesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. - Hugh Glen McGillivray

Wednesday, September 18 -

9:00 a.m. - For the Poor and Needy in our Community

Thursday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr

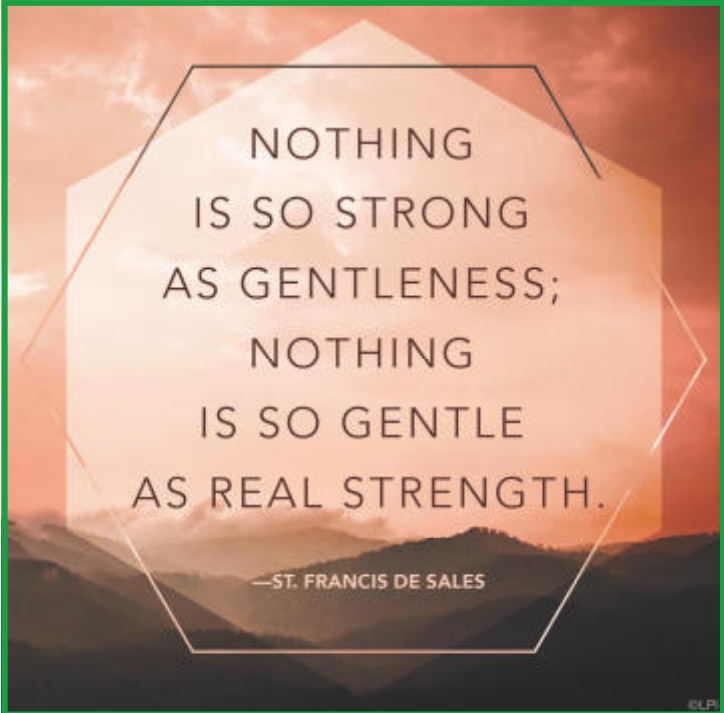
Friday, September 20 - Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. - For those Persecuted for the Christian Faith

Saturday, September 21 - No 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, September 22 - Feast of St. Matthew Celebration

1:00 p.m. - Raymond and Sylvia Novelly, Father Duane R. Novelly



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AS GENTLENESS;
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IS SO GENTLE
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—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

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